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I didn't see this in the clips from yesterday or this morning, but maybe I missed it. If it hasn't been included, can you send out to the group.

I have Google alerts set up, but I don't think anything from the Houston Chronicle is showing up in it.

http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Groups-want-answers-on-San-Jacinto-River-Waste-12174065.php

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#### 1 — Harvey causes chemical companies to release 1 million pounds of extra air pollutants, Texas Tribune, 9/4/2017

https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/04/harvey-causes-chemical-companies-release-1-million-pounds-extra-air-po/

Oil refineries and chemical plants across the Texas Gulf Coast released more than 1 million pounds of dangerous air pollutants in the week after Harvey struck, according to public regulatory filings aggregated by the Center for Biological Diversity.

## 2 — Residents concerned about flooding at Superfund sites in wake of Harvey, CBS News, 9/4/2017

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/superfund-sites-residents-concerned-wake-of-harvey/ More than a week after Harvey raked across southeast Texas, drone footage shows the floodwaters still surrounding the San Jacinto Superfund site -- where toxic dioxins from an old paper plant could have leaked.

#### 3 — Residents return around Arkema plant, told to drink bottled water, ABC Houston, 9/4/2017

http://abc13.com/watch-live-residents-speak-out-over-arkema-plant/2372451/

Arkema gave notice of the lifted evacuation order early Monday morning after consulting with officials monitoring the scene. For now, though, residents are also advised to use protective clothing and drink bottled water until further notice.

#### 4 — Air quality remains concern in aftermath of Harvey, KPRC, 9/4/2017

https://www.click2houston.com/news/air-quality-remains-concern-in-aftermath-of-harvey
The Environmental Protection Agency is circling back on its monitoring of the quality of
Houston's air after releasing a statement Sunday saying that "local residents should not be
concerned about air quality issues related to the effects of the storm."

#### 5 — Environmental concerns persist across Harvey-ravaged Texas cities. Here's what you should know today., Texas Tribune, 9/4/2017

https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/04/environmental-concerns-persist-across-storm-ravaged-texas-cities-heres/

As efforts to rebuild have slowly begun in areas hit hard by Hurricane Harvey, officials continue to warn of lingering environmental hazards, including the health risks posed by receding floodwater.

# 6 — Houston's Environmental Threats Come Into Focus, Wall Street Journal, 9/4/2017 <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/houstons-environmental-threats-come-into-focus-1504554072">https://www.wsj.com/articles/houstons-environmental-threats-come-into-focus-1504554072</a> Water is subsiding in flooded neighborhoods, the mayor is insisting Houston "is open for business," and shelters are emptying out, but Texans returning to flood-damaged homes face plenty of obstacles: the threat of toxic pollutants in the air and drinking water, and even hungry, dislocated animals seeking shelter.

### 7— Harvey began with raging winds, but its legacy will be water, Houston Chronicle, 9/4/17

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/texas/article/Harvey-began-with-raging-winds-but-its-legacy-12172753.php

Hurricane Harvey began with raging winds, but its legacy will be water. Seemingly endless, relentlessly insidious water — a staggering 40 inches or more that swamped parts of Houston in just five days. The water — and the muck and mold that follow — will create misery that will linger for years and likely cost tens of billions of dollars all told.

# 8 — Beaumont's running water starts to flow but hard-hit Texas city may feel Harvey effects 'for years to come', PBS, 9/4/17

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/beaumonts-running-water-starts-flow-hard-hit-texas-city-may-feel-harvey-effects-years-come/

Beaumont, Texas, is among the state's cities that were hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey. Beaumont Police Department Chief James Singletary gives an update on restoring running water to residents and how the storm has affected the community.

9 — EDITORIAL: Time to clean up the San Jacinto waste pits, Houston Chronicle, 9/4/17 <a href="http://www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/Time-to-clean-up-the-San-Jacinto-waste-pits-12172298.php">http://www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/Time-to-clean-up-the-San-Jacinto-waste-pits-12172298.php</a>

Nowhere is the risk from flooding more worrisome than the San Jacinto waste pits, which sit between the communities of Highlands and Channelview. One of the San Jacinto waste pits, covered by a temporary armored cap, was partially submerged in the river even before Hurricane Harvey. Now they're totally engulfed.